

In re RAGER
10/630,933

Remarks

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated April 06, 2005 and the indication of allowable subject matter. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.


The drawings were objected to for failing to illustrate the subject matter of claim 1 where the transition flange is a "separately formed bracket member". Applicant has canceled claim 1 thereby rendering this objection moot.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10 and 11-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication 10278841. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

It is noted that the examiner indicated that claims 2 and 9 were in condition for allowance. Applicant has canceled independent claim 1 and has amended the dependent claims to depend from allowed claims 2 and 9.

It is respectfully submitted that the application and claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe additional discussion would advance the prosecution of the present application, they are invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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